

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/902,333

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 9/26/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 50-61.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Philip Campaigne on December 20, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 50, line 9, after the word "guiding" insert --said plurality of--

In claim 50, line 13, replace the word "the" with --said--

In claim 50, line 14, after the word "guide" insert --reporters'--

In claim 50, line 15, after the word "actions" insert --by team-member interaction--

In claim 50, lines 18-19, replace the term "said data processor(s)" with --said at least one data processor--

In claim 50, line 21, replace the word "them" with --said composite reports--

In claim 50, line 27, replace the term "said data processor(s)" with --said at least one data processor--

In claim 50, line 30, replace the word "a" with --the--

In claim 50, line 30, replace the word "can" with --then uses the data to--

In claim 56, line 9, after the word "guiding" insert --said plurality of--

In claim 56, line 14, replace the word "the" with --said--

In claim 56, line 20, replace the term "said data processor(s)" with --said at least one data processor--

In claim 56, line 21, replace the phrase "means to record" with --means for recording--

In claim 56, line 22, replace the word "them" with --said composite reports--

In claim 56, line 27, replace the term "said data processor(s)" with --said at least one data processor--

In claim 56, line 30, replace the word "a" with --the--

In claim 56, line 30, replace the word "can" with --then uses the data to--

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Amendment filed September 26, 2005 has overcome the rejection set forth in the Office action sent July 1, 2005.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

While the cited reference of Blumberg (6,240,415) teaches a method and system that enables people from any location in the world with access to the Internet or other communication network to receive and transmit information from a database on which to determine their decisions in relation to a company such as a sports entertainment company the owns a professional team; and the cited reference of Mintz (6,250,930) teaches a system and method for conducting opinion surveys using email as the transport mechanism; Blumberg and/or Mintz, alone or in combination, does not anticipate or make obvious the applicant's claimed limitations of a method (or system

having means thereto) for a plurality of reporters collectively report team-member activity that is causal to team achievement, comprising: *guiding a plurality of reporters on how to collectively self-organize information gathering activities by displaying and committing reporters intentions via data entry device; creating a common perspective among said plurality of reporters to guide reporters' collective discovery of valued team-member actions by team-member interaction; creating among the plurality of reporters, consistent measuring and valuing of team-members' contributions by processing report data; creating composite reports of valued team-member actions; storing and retrieving said composite reports from computer memory; recording redundant reports via data entry device and selecting a representative report from each set redundant reports; wherein the plurality of reporters them uses the data to collectively self-organize to share tasks of role selection, information discovery and information reporting, thereby integrating activity to simulate one omniscient information gatherer (as per claim 50 or 56, respectively), in combination with other presented limitations.*

Claims 50-61, therefore, are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh-An D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4440. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on 571-272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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